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Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-35 are pending in the application, with 1, 8, 10, 16, 17, 18, 26, and 32 being the independent claims. Claims 1-12, and 14-35 are sought to be amended without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter removed therefrom. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. The claims are amended pursuant to a telephonic interview with the Examiner on February 5, 2003.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

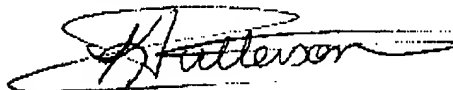
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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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